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Letter dated 11 May 2012 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1757 (2007) of 30 May 2007 and its annex relating to the establishment of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon ("the Special Tribunal"). Pursuant to article 2, paragraph 5 (d) of the annex, I am to appoint the international judges of the Special Tribunal upon the recommendation of a selection panel which I will establish after informing the Security Council of my intention to do so. The panel is to be composed of two judges, currently sitting on or retired from an international tribunal, and the representative of the Secretary-General.

I wish to inform the Security Council of my intention to appoint a selection panel, in accordance with the above-mentioned provision, to select a replacement for Judge Kjell Björnberg (Sweden), international judge of the Appeals Chamber, who will resign with effect from 15 October 2012. The selection panel will also aim to establish a roster of three to four suitable candidates who could be appointed as international judges on short notice, should additional vacancies arise at the Special Tribunal in the near future. The Office of Legal Affairs has commenced the process of identifying the two judges of the selection panel. Patricia O'Brien, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, the Legal Counsel, or Stephen Mathias, Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, will join the selection panel as my representative.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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